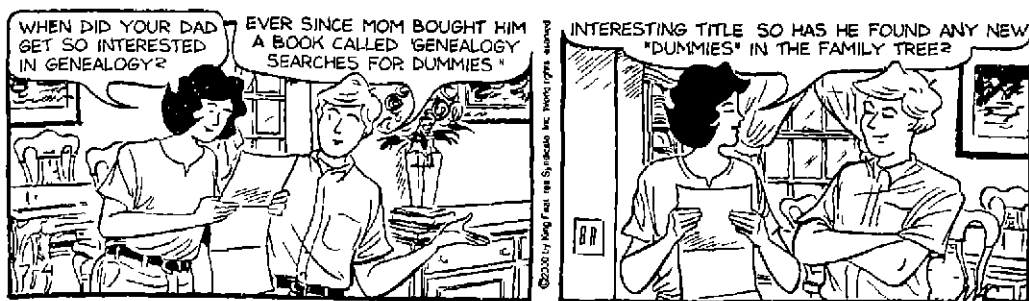


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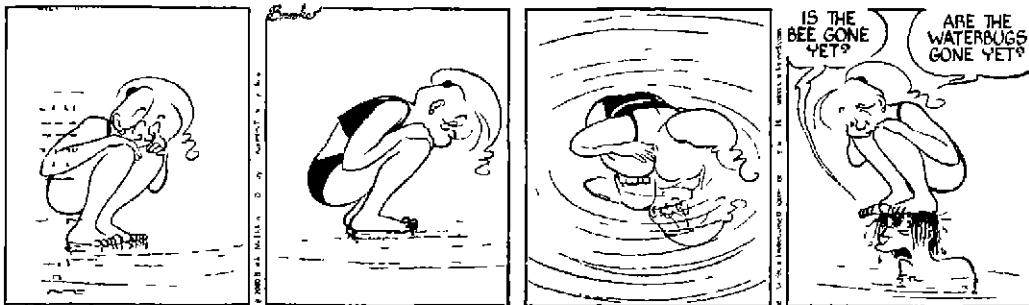
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



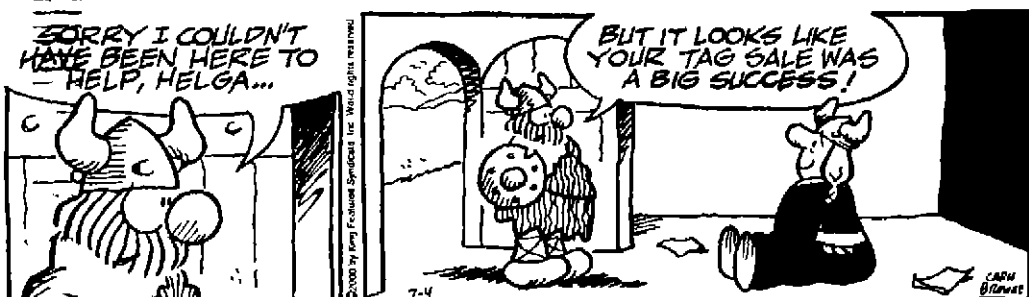
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



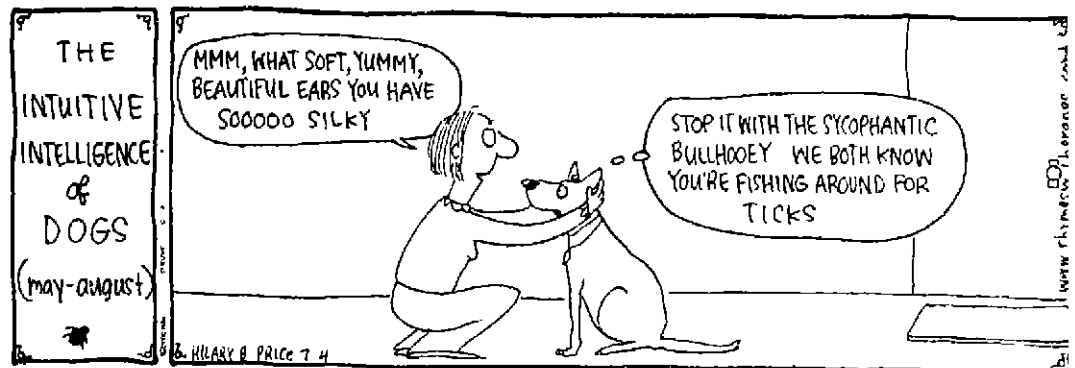
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Conductor Mitch Miller is 89
Advice columnist Ann Landers is 82
Advice columnist Abigail Van Buren is 82
Actress Eva Marie Saint is 76
Playwright Neil Simon is 73
Actress-photographer Gina Lollobrigida is 72
Baseball owner George Steinbrenner is 70
Actor Ed Bernard is 61
Actress Carolyn Grimes is 60
Talk show host Geraldo Rivera is 57

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

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PAR SCORE 100-110 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 to 10 words get 50 points bonus. Bonus words used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill, Webster, & Co. OSW) Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 7-403

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, July 5

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The details will be over-whelming you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The future looks bright and your emotional attachments are growing stronger than ever.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now is not the best time to tackle sensitive issues with family members.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A close relative or friend can provide the answer to a troubling problem.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Financial worries put a damper on your generally cheery demeanor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Share your positive energy by doing something thoughtful for a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You'll find fresh inspiration in someone you've been taking for granted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is an excellent time to unload a worrisome secret to a trustworthy friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) There's more to life than work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Now is the time to work on accomplishing your long-term goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Pay close attention to people's body language as someone might be sending you a subtle signal.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You're in a delightful state of romantic bliss.

WORD SLEUTH

WORDS FOUND IN "THE FOURTH OF JULY"

X V R N J F C Y U Q N J F C Y
V R O L H E B T X U R O L E J
E B Y V S Q H O N J K H F E B
Y W T R O L Y O U T H F U L J
G E B Y W U R R U O O P N U K
I G D B Z X Y U E R U T U F T
V S Q O M K I F T T L G E H O
C A Y W U S Q F R U T Y E T H
P N L J H F E L U F Y O J U C
A Y X V U S Q E L U R P L R N
M K J H F E C B Z Y L O H T Y

Monday's unlisted clue: ENLIST

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue: Normal Temperature

Effort Joyful Ruffe Truthful
Future Jury Rule Turf
Holy Lottery Theory Youthful
Hourly Root Tort

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

When West leads his fourth-best diamond, it is correct for East to insert his jack. If West has the queen it is his only chance to collect two diamond tricks. And if South has the queen, there is scant chance of beating the game. After the diamond jack wins, what next? Dummy's black-suit holding is impregnable, so what options are left for East? The only reasonable hope left is in the trump suit. West's lead tells East he can win two diamonds. How can he promote his chances to win two trump tricks? Bravely, East must cash his diamond ace and lead another diamond. This deliberately promotes dummy's king to a winner. But with no black-suit losers anyway, what useful discard can South make? After dummy's diamond king wins trick three, South leads a trump to his 10 and West's king. West counters by leading his diamond queen, and East delivers an uppercut with his trump queen. South over-rufts glumly, and when his trump jack fails to drop West's nine, South loses two trump tricks to go one down. What were East's chances of finding a magic trump-holding with West? Virtually nil, of course. Nevertheless, any chance, however small, is better than no chance at all.

NORTH
A Q J
K J 3
K A 7 5
A Q J

WEST
A K 3 4
K Q 2
Q 10 6 2
K 5 3

EAST
J 10 9 6 3
Q 5
A J 3
9 7 6 4

SOUTH
K 7 2
A J 10 7 6
9 4
K 10 2

Vulnerable North South
Dealer North

The bidding
North East South West
1NT Pass 1♥ Pass
4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond deuce

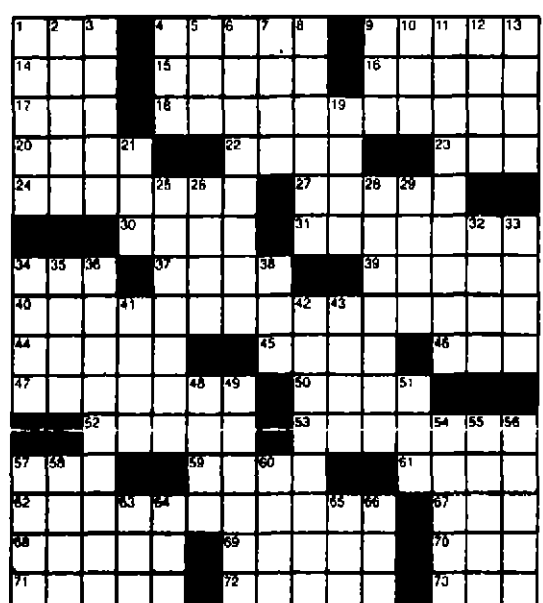
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0523

- ACROSS
- 1 Jerry's ice-cream partner
4 College finals
9 Indian honoric
14 Monterrey hooray
15 Sign in an apartment window
16 Radarange maker
17 Evergreen
18 Classic 1969 Marie Haggard song
20 #1 thing
22 Brontë heroine
23 ___ Moines
24 Vitamin regimen
27 Care for
30 City north of Carson City
- 31 Try to beat the light, say
34 Festoon's shape
37 Jester
39 Diamond or ruby
40 Sweet deal for a company executive
44 Venusian, e.g.
45 "Mon ___"
48 Exceed
47 Meals
50 Runs
52 Bluegill fish
53 Et cetera
57 Str
59 Take five
61 Jazzy Fitzgerald
62 It won't go over well
67 Turn down, as lights
- 68 "The Sound of Music" lady
69 Hawaiian veranda
70 Eden evictee
71 Chilean range
72 Clever, slangily
73 Visibly embarrassed
- DOWN
- 1 Feb
2 1999-2000 name in the news
3 Cheek
4 Tie-breaking periods Abbr.
5 Louis IX or Philippe IV
6 Show-offish basketball move
7 Tax
8 Rears
9 Espied
10 Pal for Pierre
11 Distributed
12 "Picnic" playwright
13 Birmouth, e.g.
19 Go for another tour
21 Musical ability
25 Cabinet department
26 Soon
28 Like lucky castaways
29 Son of 70-Across

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ADDS ASSY YABBY
BEEN NONA WHERE
ISSE CHUX EASEL
PICNICHEULL TAP
TAD AVIS
DEL BEAUTHEOAL
CRAFT BEEN TESA
CADRE BEN SOLOS
ASME BEGS AMENS
BEATHEBAT REO
ISSE TIS
FAN TAKEHETCAKE
OLDER ELMO OREO
AMATI DIEM FINN
MAYAS SANE PATS



- Puzzle by Monica Kreuss
- 32 Golden rule word
33 Chick's sound
34 Petri dish filler
35 It has lines
36 Paper carrier?
38 Boy
41 Sweetie
42 Short, ribbed pasta
43 Geological extent
48 1939 film home
49 Detects a rat?
- 51 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.
54 Wiser's partner
55 Shade of green
56 Dubbed
57 Soprano Gluck
58 College bigwig
61 Picnic dish
63 Stop
64 English majors get them Abbr.
65 Big lug
66 Critic's pick
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